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Gentilissimi Fellows and Emeritus Fellows,

A pdf version of this email with links is attached for those reading in plain text format.

1. Ramazzini Days recap and photographs

- Ramazzini Days 2017 was a great success with 64 Fellows, 16 external participants, and 19 spouses/guests in attendance. View the [photo album from the event](#).
- Slides and posters from the 30+ Fellows who presented their work are available for consultation [online](#).
- As always, the presentation of the Ramazzini Award to a scientist deemed by the Collegium Ramazzini to embody the ideals of Bernardino Ramazzini was a highlight of the weekend. The 2017 recipient, Dr. Karel Van Damme of Belgium, gave an inspiring Ramazzini Lecture entitled, "Every worker is irreplaceable: a human rights approach to occupational health". Read the [award certificate](#) presented to Karel.

2. Congratulations to Emeritus Fellows and New Members

- The Executive Council voted to confer Emeritus status to 13 Fellows in recognition of their service and contributions to the Collegium Ramazzini. Congratulations to: William Au; Nachman Brautbar; David Gee; Vyvyan Howard; Bengt Jarvholm; Kirsti Husgafvel-Pursiainen; Ellen Silbergeld; Elihu Richter; Marja Simonsuuri-Sorsa; Helena Taskinen; Catharina Wessling; Richard Weeden; and Charles Xintaras.
- The Collegium welcomes 16 newly-elected Fellows from 5 continents: [Tamar Berman](#) (Israel); [Lisa Bero](#) (Australia); [Giovanni Brandi](#) (Italy); [Patrick Breyse](#) (USA); [Rima Habib](#) (Lebanon); [Denis Henshaw](#) (UK); [Sergio Iavicoli](#) (Italy); [Fujio Kayama](#) (Japan); [Irma Makalinao](#) (Philippines); [Alessandro Marinaccio](#) (Italy); [Nicola Murgia](#) (Italy); [Monica Nordberg](#) (Sweden); [Juan Pablo Ramos-Bonilla](#) (Colombia); [Malcolm Sim](#) (Australia); [Emily Spieler](#) (USA, honorary); [Renato Stein](#) (Brazil).
- An updated membership roster is attached to this message. Please send any corrections or updates to [Federica Scagliarini](#).

3. Results of the election of officers and review of electoral calendar

- Congratulations to Treasurer Jim Melius and Councilors Henry Anderson, Fiorella Belpoggi and Melissa McDiarmid on their re-election to the Executive Council. 80 ballots were submitted in the election, conducted online from October 3 to October 20, 2017. The next election for 3 Councilors is scheduled for 2019.

4. Annual Dues September 2017-August 2018

- Fellows are reminded that Annual Dues in the amount of 300 USD may be paid at any time online by visiting the Fees and Donations page. Dues are valid from September 2017-August 2018.

5. Collegium Ramazzini Committees

- A new standing committee was formed during Ramazzini Days 2017 to focus on communications. Its purpose is to promote the Collegium's statements more strategically, increase the Collegium's influence, and enhance information sharing among the Fellows. As a first step, the Committee asks you to:

a) add to your email signature line: "Fellow, Collegium Ramazzini" and link to the website

b) provide input on how and where to publicize our forthcoming ethics statement. Ask yourself: Who is the audience? Who needs to know about it? Are their individuals (e.g., government agency officials, journal editors) who should receive a personal copy?

c) let us know if you use Twitter.

Kindly direct your answers – and availability to join the committee – to chair Celeste Monforton.

5. Updates from the Ramazzini Institute (RI)

- The RI, with the support of other independent institutes and Universities in Europe and United States, is launching the most comprehensive study ever on glyphosate and glyphosate-based herbicides. Aiming to produce independent and solid scientific evidence, the RI has decided not to accept any funding for the study from the industry that produces glyphosate-based herbicides or from the organic farming or food industry. Over 27,000 members of the public in Italy have already donated € 300,000 for the preliminary phase of the glyphosate study, which will be published in 2017. Fellows of the Collegium are invited and encouraged to participate in the crowd-funding initiative. Any amount is welcome – the goal is 100% participation from Ramazzini Fellows!

6. Membership announcements

- Fellow Andrew Watterson invites Fellows to sign an Open letter to Governments and other policy makers in Asia. Promoted by Union Aid Abroad together with the Asia Ban Asbestos Network, the letter is in support of the overwhelming evidence

of harm to health from chrysotile asbestos. The letter is available for signature through 15 February 2018. Signatories include Fellows Richard Lemen, Jukka Takala and Ken Takahashi.

Kind regards and warm holiday wishes from Bologna,

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